GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3285
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FRAUD AT MULUND POST OFFICE MUMBAI
Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa;Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money has been refunded, returned to the small investors of Mulund Post Office;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the present status thereof;

(e) whether the signature verification work at the GPO, Mumbai and at EOW, Mumbai has been delayed;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the case?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. The claims of those investors that were found genuine stand settled.

(b) to (d) : Claims of 12 depositors amounting to Rs. 2,34,364/- have already been sanctioned, whereas approval for payment of Rs. 2,40,420/- in another 14 cases has also been issued. Other claims are under process. Thirty one vouchers have so far been verified by the handwriting expert at Hyderabad, whereas verification reports in respect of 10 vouchers each are awaited from handwriting experts in Kolkata and Hyderabad. Remaining vouchers will be sent to handwriting experts in Kolkata and Hyderabad in a phased manner for verification. The cases have also been lodged with EOW, CB CID, Mumbai and Mulund Police Station. Directions have also been issued for handing over the case to the CBI.

(e) & (f) : No voucher has been sent to Mumbai GPO for verification. However, 112 vouchers have been handed over for verification to EOW, Mumbai since August, 2004.

(g) The EOW, CB CID, Mumbai has been requested to intimate the status of the case. The Court of Law and Police have also been approached for initiating ancillary action in the matter.